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'Treated Swell' In Havana, Says Salesman Back In U.S.

Hollywood, Fla., March 1 (AP)—Miami. Lefleur said he landed

43-year-old Syracuse (N.Y.) salesman who had to ditch his plane in the Caribbean two weeks ago and had been in Cuba ever since, returned to the United States today and said he was "treated swell all the way."

His Cuban doctor, Fidel Castro's personal physician, even sent a box of the finest Cuban cigars as a gift to Gov. Nelson Rockefeller.

The salesman, Trevor Burns, brought another box of cigars which he said was a goodwill gift from the Cuban people.

Top-Notch Care

Burns, who spent 28 hours in the water—dodging sharks most of the time, he said—was rescued by the Cuban Navy, treated at a Las Villas Province hospital and later taken to Havana February 16. There, he was put up in the Havana Hilton, now the Habana Libre, and given "top-notch" medical care by Dr. Jose Marquez, Castro's doctor.

Marquez sent the cigars, Burns said, because the doctor believed that Rockefeller would be elected President. He did not say where the other box of cigars came from.

Burns was flown to the United States by a friend, Al LeFleur, of Miramar, a suburb of Hollywood, which is about 10 miles north of

at Rancho Bayers Airport this morning and left Havana about noon, making one stop at Key West Airport before arriving here.

As soon as the two-scater came to a stop, Burns got out and kissed the asphalt ramp three times. He was dressed in a grey suit with a sports shirt and was wearing tennis shoes because of swollen feet.

Sunburn Was Severe

He said he would have left Cuba sooner but was able to walk only three days ago.

Burns carried an envelope with pieces of his skin, which he said had been badly sunburned during his ordeal in the water.

"That saved my life," he said, pointing to a Mae West life jacket.

However, the extensive medical treatment given him in Havana turned up no other ailments except salt water exposure, he said.

Castro's doctor told Burns, "Rockefeller is a man of deep understanding and profound philosophy," he said. "They (the Cuban people) feel that the political situation would change for the better for the world under Rockefeller."

Many Cubans told Burns "they would be much happier having relations with the United States than with Russia."